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APPLICANT REVIEW PANEL HOLDS INTRODUCTORY MEETING

PANEL TASKED WITH REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

WHAT:

The 3-member Applicant Review Panel (ARP) is holding its first meeting, prior to beginning the review of applications from Californians who wish to serve on the Redistricting Commission, which will draw the new boundaries for the state Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization districts. This first meeting is for administrative and training purposes only.

The Voters FIRST Act (Proposition 11, November 2008) calls for the creation of a 3-member panel to review applications from Californians who wish to serve on the Citizens Redistricting Commission. Nearly 31,000 Californians formally applied to be considered for the Citizens Redistricting Commission during the application process from Dec. 15, 2009 – Feb. 16, 2010. This introductory meeting will be devoted exclusively to housekeeping matters; there will be no discussion or action taken at this meeting related to Commission applicants. However, there will be an opportunity for public comment on matters that are within the jurisdiction of the ARP.

Based on the Voters FIRST Act, the ARP must – by Oct. 1, 2010 - narrow the pool of applicants who wish to serve on this Commission to 60 of the most qualified. The Commission will be comprised of five Democrats, five Republicans and four members of other parties or who have no political party affiliation.

WHO: Members of the Applicant Review Panel

California State Auditor Elaine M. Howle

WHERE: Office of the California State Auditor

555 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor Sacramento, California 95814

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010

9:00am - 4:00pm

For a copy of the Applicant Review Panel Public Meeting Agenda – and more information on the Citizens Redistricting Commission - please visit WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov



